

THE GOD THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY AND FOREVER.

“RECAP OF KEY LEARNINGS FEB-MAY 2023”

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ANCHOR BIBLE REFERENCES

➤ Hebrews 13: 5-8

➤ ⁵ God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

➤ ⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mortal man do to me?”

➤ ⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.
Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

➤ ⁸ **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

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We have considered the following leaders:

The Leader	Date
Deborah	Feb 12
Obadiah	Feb 19
Joshua	Feb 26
Luke	March 05
Daniel	March 12
David (Part 1)	March 9
Praise and Worship	March 26
Joseph	April 16
Joel	April 23
John the Baptist	April 30
David (Part 2)	May 07
Samuel	May 21
Elijah	May 28

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1. Deborah (Judges 4)

She lived in a time when situation was similar to what we face in our nations today - where evil keeps re-occurring.

She sought the face of God and got a revelation of what she should do to clear the evil in the land. She carried out God's instruction and God helped her achieve the expected result.

Deborah

- Had confidence in God
- Could seek God's face
- Believed God enough to act on the revelation
- Expectant of result and got it – God, even on His own, recruited Jael to kill Sisera for Deborah

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2. Obadiah

Obadiah teaches us to be a true battle axe of God.

Because of Obadiah's deep relationship with God, God confided in him, gave him a vision and elected him as a weapon of war against the nation, Edom, who was proud before God and God used Obadiah to deliver to them - the **"COST OF PRIDE"** - .

Obadiah Believed in and was mindful of vision (s) he got from God.

1 Corinthians 2:14

The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are **spiritually discerned** (they are vision).

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3. Joshua (Joshua 1)

A key lesson we learn from Joshua is what God expects from anyone who would do exploit: **Courage, Firm (be strong), Obedience, Get your strategies from God, meditate upon the word of God.**

“³ I will give you every place where you set your foot, ... ⁵ No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life.” “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶ Be strong and courageous,” ⁷ “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, **that you may be successful wherever you go.** ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. **Then you will be prosperous and successful.** ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua committed to getting all his strategies from God. “the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds 2 Cor. 10:4)

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4. Luke

Lesson we learn from Luke is to fudge-on in our Christian journey, love God with all your heart, mind, & soul, handle your salvation with care and contribute in ministry.

In 2 Timothy 4, Paul wrote to Timothy:

⁹”Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ **Only Luke is with me.** Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵ You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack...

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5. Daniel (Daniel 1)-Very Sure of the power of the Almighty God.

⁸ **But Daniel resolved** not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself.

Daniel determined to show forth the praise of God

¹⁰ **but the official told Daniel**, "... Why should the king see you looking worse than the other young men your age? ¹² "Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³ Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.

Because of Daniel's personal resolution, God placed an extra layer of TRUST and gave him the ability to understand visions and Interpret dreams of all kinds. God positioned Daniel as God's battle axe and weapon of war again Nebuchadnezzar and king Darius.

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6. David: God described David as “a man after God’s own heart” ([1 Sam 13:14](#); [Acts 13:22](#)).

1. Fear God and obey His command

1 Samuel 13: ¹³“**You have done a foolish thing,**” Samuel said. “**You have not kept the command** the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, **because you have not kept the LORD’s command.**”

2. When God anoints you, He elevates you to a higher power and endows you with multi-capabilities

1 Samuel 16:13 “Samuel, ...anointed him in the midst of his brothers, **and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.**”

¹⁸ One of the servants of Saul answered, “I have seen a son of Jesse who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him.”

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7. David (Part 2) - God's Battle-Ax & Weapon of War.

Beyond being a man after God's heart, David was God's Battle-Ax and His Weapon of War.

Samuel 17: 36-37, David said to Saul,

36Your servant has killed lions and bears; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." **37**David added, "The LORD, who delivered me from the claws of the lion and the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

Luke 10:4 "Travel light. Comb and toothbrush and no extra luggage."

1 Samuel 17:16-53 "Goliath started walking towards David again, and **David ran quickly towards the Philistine battle line to fight him.** He put his hand into his bag and took out a stone, which he slung at Goliath. It hit him on the forehead and broke his skull, and Goliath fell face downwards on the ground.

David cultivated the knowledge and praise of God

David's knowledge and praise of God is demonstrated through his Psalms.

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8. Joseph

- Innocence and clear-mindedness are critical in working with God.
- God built a hedge of protection around him because his heart is connected with God.
- When God gives you a vision, it does not matter the odds along the way, if you believe it, the vision must come to pass.

In John 13:37, when Jesus' calling was to be fulfilled, Judas was positioned to bring harm on Jesus and thus, lead to the fulfillment of Jesus' call. Jesus said to Judas, "what you want to do, do quickly."

- God was with Joseph - in the Pit, in Potiphar's house and in the Prison. unknown to everyone, Egypt was actually meant to be the place that Joseph's dreams were to be fulfilled. But the pathway was not rosy.

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9. Joel

- The most powerful thing about Joel is the use of such vibrant and physical imagery to communicate and make clear the seriousness of God's judgment on sin. Prophets mentioned it; Joel used imagery.
- Joel was the first to develop an often-mentioned biblical idea: 'the day of the Lord'. Joel's book gives some of the most striking and specific details in all of Scripture about 'the day of the Lord' and thus brings crystal clear communication to those people who may say they don't understand 'mere words'.
- Painting that vision of the future and the vivid pictures of destruction serve to awaken us from our spiritual stupor
- When you talk about the power of creativity and innovation, God displayed that in the prophet Joel and thus enabled him to bring form to formlessness and conviction to abstracts.

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10. John the Baptist

The leader John the Baptist, provides us unparalleled lessons as:

- A. Children of our parents,
- B. Parents of our children, and
- C. Individuals

The parent of John the Baptist (Zachariah and Elizabeth) received revelation concerning what John would be; used it to model his training & up-bringing (Luke 1:13-15).

Jeremiah's parents did not (**Jeremiah 1:5**), Paul's parents did not (**I 1:15**).

- As children of our parents, did they receive and train us as such?
- As parents of our children, did we receive on their behalf and train them as such?
- As individuals, if our parent did not give us the hand down, have discovered it ourselves from God? **Parents**, stand and support your children to stand (**Isai. 59:21**)

In Gal 1:14-15, Paul was too far into a wrong direction before God re-directed his path.

In today's world, there are many examples of children in wrong direction.

It is important to ensure that we are on God's call and our children are on God's call.

Romans 8: ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those ..who have been called according to His purpose.

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11. Samuel

Greatest lesson is that you can come from the outside to take over the food of the insiders.

All you need is strong consistent relationship with God that rides of the platform of obedience, fear of God and humility.

Samuel did not belong to the priestly family but he came from outside and God anointed him and he took over the priesthood.

1 Samuel 3: “¹¹And the LORD said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle.”

1 Samuel 3: ¹⁹ The LORD was with Samuel as he grew up, and He let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the LORD. ²¹ The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh, and there he revealed Himself to Samuel through His word.

1 Samuel 3: ²⁶And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favour with the LORD and with people.

1 Samuel 7:¹⁵ Samuel continued as Israel's leader all the days of his life.

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12. Elijah

We learn that if we serve God diligently, he will uphold whatever we ask for.

1. Elijah said “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve (1 Kings 17:1)
2. If we give a selfless service to God, He will take care of our needs.

Elijah was Fed by Ravens!

1 Kings 17:2 “² Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³ “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan.

⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

All your needs will be met Deut. 28: 1-14

BRETHREN, GOD BLESS YOU!